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During April and May 1950 approximately 100 civilians, mostly married couples, were brought to Shanghai from the USSR to engage in private trade. Greater numbers of Soviet civilians have arrived in Tientsin and Peiping for similar purposes. These private traders show extremely bad business sense. However, they may be regarded as semi-official because they report to Torgpredstvo on arrival.

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